Have a story to share? Tell us at TrashTalk@dsny.nyc.gov
DSNY Family

Medical Division technician Sherina Ali welcomed her newest grandchild to the family. Jordan Alvin arrived February 19, 2016, here he is with big sister and senior grandchild Samya Alina. Congrats!

Good to Know

- Want to change, start or cancel your health insurance? Now is the time.

- The Sanitation Association de Latinos welcomes new members! Its mission is to bring unity among DSNY employees – and offers services and activities. To learn more or email SAL at sanitationassociationdelatinos@gmail.com.

- Flu season has arrived – and each year the virus sends more than 200,000 people to the hospital. Influenza is a contagious, respiratory illness caused by a virus that infects people through the nose, throat and lungs. The US Centers for Disease Control recommends the flu vaccine for people six months and older – and it’s especially important for people older than 65, pregnant woman and anyone diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or heart disease. The Health Care Facility is reminding us how to stay healthy: Get a flu vaccine. Vaccinations are free to City employees at in-network doctors’ offices, some pharmacies and Advantage Care Physician’s offices. For more information contact HCF at (212) 437-4457.

- Thursday, October 6 the Department of Citywide Administrative Services is supporting the second annual Organ Donor Enrollment Day.

- The New York Blood Center needs DSNY’s help! Give blood – and save lives! You are the missing blood type! Visit nybloodcenter.org/blood.

DSNY at the Queens Museum

The Queens Museum retrospective dedicated to DSNY’s Artist-in-Residence Mierle Laderman Ukeles is now open, and it artistically boasts the importance of our work. Since the late 1960s, Ukeles’ performances, sculptural installations and writing have explored critical issues, including the cultures of work and labor and urban and community resilience. The retrospective includes photos and displays – including hundreds of pairs our work gloves refashioned into blooming trees. The Maintenance Art retrospective will be on display through February 19, 2017.

Getting to Zero

This is what getting to zero looks like. There are so few black bags! Deputy Commissioner Bridget Anderson caught this outside our offices at 44 Beaver Street in Manhattan.

NYC Organics continues to grow! Weekly food scraps and yard waste collection in Brooklyn began two years ago — and with last week’s expansion, we’re serving almost 338,000 Brooklynites! Commissioner Garcia announced the expansion with Assembly Member Peter Abbate, Jr., along with a representative from Council Member Vincent Gentile’s office – and our brown bin character.

Headlining

Curbed highlighted the Department’s work transforming Fresh Kills Landfill into Freshkills Park – and featured our own Waste Management Engineering Director Ted Nabavi.

American City & County touted DSNY’s use of biodiesel in our fleet of 4,000+ diesel vehicles.
Goings-On

African American Benevolent Society General Meeting
10/5 @ 1900
For more info, email: aabsdsny@yahoo.com

Columbia Association’s Honorary Marshal Chief
Anthony Pasquale
Columbus Day Parade
10/10 @ 1100

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
10/12 @ 1200
125 Worth Street, Rm 819

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DSNY Day
Metrlife Stadium
10/23 @ 1PM

Joezone Butler’s Retirement Party
10/28 @ 1200
For more info, call: Cecilia Rodriguez 646-885-0806

In Case You Missed It

Facilities Planning & Engineering recently donned team t-shirts and broke bread to celebrate numerous milestones – from spearheading efforts to meet the FY17 commitment plan to thanking summer interns for their hard work to welcoming an upcoming family addition.

The Social Scene

We’re spreading the word about sending zero waste to landfills by 2030! At bus shelters, on phone kiosks and on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram you’ll be seeing our newest campaigns: bright and colorful “punny” food-waste posts and Behind the Bin posts, highlighting the employees who are making our 0x30 goals possible. Spot one of our ads on the street? We’d love to hear from you! Take a selfie with it and email it to Trashtalk@dsny.nyc.gov!
Farewell

With deep sadness we bade farewell to Staten Island 3 Sanitation Worker Stephen Pinto. Stephen was the son of retired Sanitation Worker Nicholas Pinto, and he is survived by fiancée Tanya Padula, clerical associate in the Staten Island Borough.

Brooklyn 4 Sanitation Worker Michael Grossman passed away, unexpectedly while off-duty, leaving behind a loving family. His sister Shari has created a fundraiser to help his children. [https://www.gofundme.com/2j5687t8](https://www.gofundme.com/2j5687t8)

Friends and family are mourning the loss of 29-year DSNY veteran Rafael “Ralph” Bonilla, who passed away earlier this summer. He retired from DSNY in 1999, after serving at the broom garage in Bronx and then as a supervisor at the 135th Street Marine transfer Station in Manhattan.